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GRUMBLING OVER KAPAA CONTINUES

LIHUE, Kauai, December 19.—Superintendent Campbell and Commissioner Pratt left Kauai again last Tuesday, after having finished up their investigations to their own satisfaction, though not to that of the Kapa people, if one is to believe the echoes of the grumblings that reach Lihue from that much disappointed district. The people of Kawaihau do not seem to harbor any grudge against Campbell, however; they haven't reached the state when they come in personal contact with the genial superintendent, but they are unanimous in their distrust of Pratt, his words and intentions. They claim that he has played too many different tunes that the "variations create screaming disorders. They claim that the commissioner promised last time he was on Kauai that he would open up and sell all the house lots in Kapa in the near future. Relying upon his words they say they have made all necessary preparations to get in line for a lot, drawn their money, realized on their stock and so forth. Every man who was born, baptized and vaccinated in the country, or had a paper showing him to be "just as good," had his residence lot picked out, and as they are of religious trend in that part of Kauai, they had nearly all selected their sand piles in the immediate neighborhood of the church.

Now comes Pratt and says that he won't sell these particular lots, but he will give the people over there a chance to be neighbors to the jail, if he cannot get them inside that building. For those who object to jail and justice he has some particularly dark free lots in the swamp behind the Chinese stores. And the people of Kawaihau are wondering whether Pratt thinks they are crazy, or whether that gentleman himself is breaking down under the strenuousness of the office. In either case they think it the safest policy to work on the senators in order to have them refuse to confirm Pratt's appointment when it is sent up from the Governor.

Other Garden Island Notes.

E. A. Knudsen and "Honey" Smith came over in the former's auto on Tuesday. They turned a complete somersault in Lawai, but the trick seemed to hurt neither the machine nor the passengers very much.
Akama, an oldtime rice planter in Huleia, was sued for taxes by Hanalei last Thursday. He showed that he was up against it to such a degree that it moved the collector's heart to give him time to pay his taxes until the next crop was harvested.
The Schillings intend to go to Honolulu next Tuesday to spend Christmas with their son.
The Lihue Mill started grinding its 1909 crop last Tuesday. Engineer Winter has utilized the off season to thoroughly modernize the plant, which now seems to work to perfection.
News has been received of the death at St. Luke's hospital in San Francisco of J. Nevin from a hemorrhage following an operation on the stomach.

GETTING PINEAPPLE STATISTICS FOR COIST

Byron O. Clark and William B. Thomas are gathering statistical information concerning the pineapple output of Hawaii and are canvassing the Hawaiian pineapple growers in connection with the suggestion that it may be possible for the local fruit men to market their product through the California Fruit Growers' Exchange, as was reported a short time ago. The practicability and the manifest advantages of marketing in this way have been acknowledged by everyone connected with the trade who has a knowledge of the great combination of the Coast orange growers, the only question which has arisen being whether this organization would care to take into their exchange the Hawaiian fruit men.

The offer has come from California, however, provided it can be shown that Hawaii has the goods to deliver in regular shipments. The president of the California exchange has asked for detailed information on this point and it is this information that Messrs. Clark and Thomas are securing.

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The Nihau came in from Kawaihau yesterday morning after a rough passage and went out again in the afternoon with the prospects of rough weather ahead of her. She was bound for the same port.

Commercial News

By Charles L. Rhodes.

There has been a considerable drop in the price of raw sugar during the past week. It has been from 3.86 cents a pound, a week ago, to 3.73 cents yesterday, 6r by the ton from \$77.20 to \$74.50. London beets remain unchanged at 10 shillings, or at a parity of \$82.20.

Cause Assigned for the Drop.

The reasons assigned for this drop in price are, among other things, the advent of the new Cuban crop of sugars into the market, the uncertainty as to tariff, and an increase in the world's visible supply.

Local Market Little Affected.

The drop in the price of sugar has, however, apparently affected the local stock market very little. There has been a shading off in some sugar stocks, attributable to no other publicly known reason than this downward tendency in prices, perhaps. There has been a sag in prices of other stocks for other reasons.

The Wailua Dividend.

Wailua has been selling the last half of the week at \$75, which is, in view of the expected reduction of the rate of dividend from one per cent, a month to one-half of one per cent, a month. It is expected that the company can pay at the rate of six per cent, for the year. The total dividends for the year 1908 will be about six per cent.

Oahu has been shading down all the week, and is about a dollar a share lower now than it was seven days ago.

Bond Market Strong.

There continues to be a strong demand for bonds, and there were a good many transactions in these during the week. The good opinion of Hilo Railroad bonds, which has begun to prevail seems to continue, and a transaction in which \$15,000 of them changed hands at \$92.50 was reported on the Exchange on Tuesday.

Hilo the Coming Place.

S. M. Damon returned yesterday morning by the Mauna Kea from the Island of Hawaii. "I certainly found the prospect at Olan encouraging," he said. "I was struck with the changed conditions at Hilo and nearly everywhere on the Island of Hawaii since I was there six months ago. Certainly Hilo is waking up. There are opportunities opening there in all directions. If I were a young man coming to the Islands to make a start, I certainly should go to Hilo and take my chances there. Hawaii is the largest Island of the group, and it is being developed wonderfully, and the opportunities there are promising. The extension of the Hilo railroad toward Hamakua will without doubt be a great thing for Hilo."

"The leeward side of Hawaii is suffering much from the drought. I speak particularly of South Kohala and the region from Mahukona to Kawaihau. The Parker ranch region is suffering an unusual drought."

Fruit and Farms on Hawaii.

Dr. Wilcox of the United States Experiment Station has just returned from the Island of Hawaii. He went there particularly to look into the experiments in agriculture and horticulture which are going on in connection with the Parker ranch, and in the neighborhood of Waikii on the road from Waimea to Kona. He is enthusiastic over the possibilities both for agriculture and for horticulture. Notwithstanding the small amount of rainfall they have had there, most gratifying crops of corn, alfalfa and other feed and forage crops have been secured. Imported grasses of good value do well. Four-year-old apple trees are in bearing. These are in the altitude of frost. The soil is so fine and so rich as to make anyone acquainted with agricultural possibilities enthusiastic.

Irwin Owns the Spreckels Bank.

The purchase of the Spreckels interest in the banking house of Claus Spreckels & Co. by William G. Irwin, Spreckels' partner, is one of the leading financial events of the week. The bank is an old established one that has always had the confidence of the business community. Its last statement on file with the Territorial Treasurer shows it to have a capital of \$500,000 and a surplus of \$100,000. The bank has not for a number of years sought to vigorously increase the number of its deposit accounts. W. G. Irwin is an enormously rich man, constantly having large amounts of money seeking investments, and the bank has been the agency through which he has been enabled to reach investments. It is expected that the bank will continue much the same policy it has in the past under the management of Mr. E. I. Spalding.

The Spreckels Block.

Contemporaneously with the sale of the Spreckels interest in the bank to W. G. Irwin is the sale of the Spreckels building on Fort street to Mr. Irwin. There were several hours during the week when it was believed that the entire Spreckels block bounded by Fort, Merchant, Alakea and Queen streets, with the exception of the Judd and Stangenwald buildings and the Mutual Telephone building, had been sold. But there was an unexpected hitch in the negotiations, so that the only part of the block actually sold was the Spreckels building. Rudolph Spreckels is the authority for the statement, however, that Bishop street will be opened through the block, provided it is opened through to the waterfront. As this is a long-cherished hope of every Territorial administration, it will doubtless be accomplished some time, and probably very soon.

The Cavalry Cantonment.

The steamship Columbian arrived last Sunday, bringing the lumber and other material for the cavalry cantonment at Leilehua, and this has been rapidly discharged, shipped by the Oahu railway to the Wahiawa siding, and hauled by team from there to the site of the cantonment, which is between the old Dowsett ranch house and the Waianae gap. The steamship Virginia will bring over five hundred cavalry horses for the troopers, arriving here about January 12, and the men of the squadrons to be stationed here will arrive a little earlier in the month.

Pearl Harbor Dredging.

The Pearl Harbor dredging contract, which was awarded at Washington to the Hawaiian Dredging Company, will probably amount to over four million dollars. The contract for the dredging is \$3,560,000, but in addition the specifications called for bids at a price per yard for the conserving and delivery of the dredged material, or certain quantities, at designated places. The bid for this made by the Hawaiian Dredging Company was 16 cents a cubic yard. As there is expected to be over 3,000,000 cubic yards of it, and it is thought probable that the whole of it may be conserved—a part for filling in space needed by the navy and a part for filling in space needed by the army—it seems quite possible that the entire three million cubic yards will be conserved.

National Guard Money.

The National Guard has received \$6500 from the War Department in accordance with military requirements. The greater part of this is to pay the expenses of the annual encampment which will take place next February at Leilehua.

Poultry Show.

The fourth annual Poultry Show of the Hawaiian Poultry Association will be held January 13-16 in the National Guard shooting gallery.

American-Hawaiian and Coast Shippers.

The Coast newspapers indicate considerable feeling among shippers at recent actions of the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company, in raising freight rates and otherwise, which these shippers look on as indicating a policy antagonistic to their interests.

Kohala Ditch Bond.

The Kohala Ditch company has completed financial arrangements for the repayment of the advances made to it by the Anglo-California bank. This includes the floating of the entire issue of \$500,000 of bonds. Of this amount the Hawi Mill and Plantation Company takes \$100,000 and Samuel Parker \$200,000.

Fight for Trusteeship.

What seems possible to be a long drawn out legal fight as to who shall succeed Mrs. Campbell-Parker as trustee of the Campbell estate, has now developed in the courts. The beneficiaries of the Campbell estate have begun

proceedings to secure the appointment of Robert W. Shingle and the surviving trustees have begun proceedings to secure the appointment of H. M. von Holt.

Bank License Act.

The Supreme Court has held valid the statute fixing the bank license rate at \$750 in Honolulu, \$500 in Hilo and \$250 in other places.

Japanese Sugar Expert.

A. Sawa, representing the Japanese sugar refiners, who came here to look over the outlook for supplies of raw sugar from here at any time in the future, returned to Japan without going on to Cuba as he had expected to when he first came.

Public Land Law Amendments.

Governor Peary has drafted amendments to the Organic Act for the purpose of amending the public land laws. These have been given to Senator Foraker of the Senate Committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico, and to Representative Hamilton, chairman of the House Committee on Territories, for introduction and passage by Congress. No intimation of their form has been given the public here and much interest is manifested in this fact. The Democratic Territorial Committee has cabled Congressmen and Senators asking that these may be held up until the people in Hawaii can learn what they are.

Market for Mother of Pearl.

A. L. C. Atkinson has announced that he intends to find out if there is

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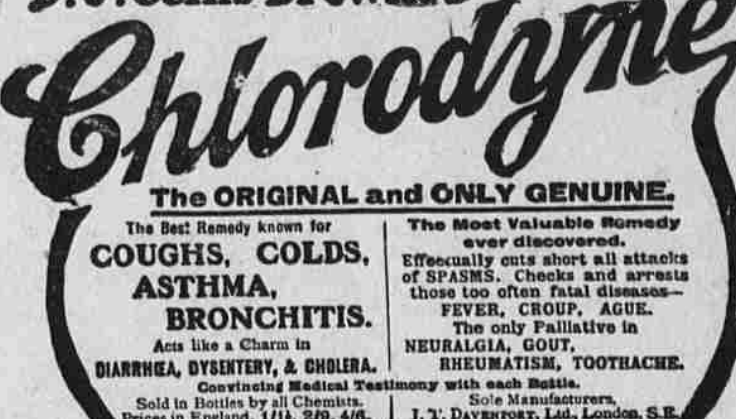
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REAL SANTA CLAUS WILL REACH HONOLULU ON FRIDAY

"We are strangers here and the possibility of being lonesome on Christmas does not appeal to us," remarked a gentleman who called at the Advertiser yesterday with a proposition to make any number of little kids realize that there is a Santa Claus in Honolulu in spite of the fact that an effort is being made to disabuse their minds of the story.

"A Christmas tree with oodles of toys and stacks of candy would be the right thing," said the tourist, "and we want the arrangements so the little tots will have plenty. But it's got to be a big one and should be of the ironwood variety such as grown in the park. If the commissioners would consent to our having one of them or if any citizen who has an extra one in his yard will yield to our request for it we will be fixed for the fray."

The object of the gentlemen—there are nine of them—is to provide places for the little tots, boys and girls who otherwise would not have a Merry

Christmas. Messrs. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd., Wall, Nichols & Co., and L. B. Kerr & Co., Ltd. will be asked to fix a price on toys and dolls and there will be about five hundred sacks of candy. Messrs. Rath, of the Palama Mission and Rider of the Kakaako Mission, and Mrs. Jordan of the Associated Charities, and the Salvation Army will be asked to furnish a list of names of persons who are eligible and the Board of Health will be requested to allow the little boys and the Kaili Home for non-leprosy children to attend. They do not understand what a real Christmas means and an opportunity to be present at a place where there is a genuine Christmas tree decorated as they are in many of the homes on the mainland will be appreciated by them. Tickets are to be issued to those entitled to come and only holders of them will be served. Sheriff Iaukea will be asked to supply a detail of officers to keep back the crowd. The tree will be placed on Bishop park, opposite the Young Hotel and the work of decorating will begin early Friday morning.

Alakea Street Wharf Sheds.

The bids received during the week for the construction of the Alakea street wharf shed were all in excess of the amount available for the work. However, the lowest bid will be brought within the amount available by shortening the proposed structure. The lowest bidder was John Ouder-kirk, who bid \$49,300, with an allowance of \$1600 off for each bay the structure is shortened.

The Harbor Dredging.

The contract for dredging the Honolulu harbor has been completed for some days and is now ready for acceptance.

THWING IN TOKIO.

TOKIO, Japan, December 5.—Rev. Mr. Thwing, special secretary of the International Reform Bureau and delegate for Hawaii to the International Opium Conference in Shanghai, is in Tokio en route to the conference, which will be held next month. The Chinese and Japanese are enthusiastic over the conference and greatly appreciate America's help and friendship. Mr. Thwing talked with Count Okuma, who showed the greatest interest in the opium conference. He is a believer in China and is earnest for the prohibition of opium smoking, which he believes can be accomplished if the powers will cooperate. He declared there is a fine opportunity for England to gain a good name by stopping the opium traffic with China. The Count said Japan's wise opium laws were due to America's excellent advice. Japan, he said, was now foremost among those working toward the goal of the total prohibition of the opium trade, which was not only harmful, but unrighteous.